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I feel that the proposed settlement does little to help deal with Microsoft's use of its products to leverage it self in the market. A "settlement" that requires it to give its software to education, does not hurt but in fact helps them leverage the market.

The settlement as a whole is only a very limited response to a company has shown a history of being uncooperative with the fair trade laws of the US. In light of the fact that this case is the result of a second action against Microsoft because of their unwillingness to follow the restrictions set down by a US court calls for a stronger response. If this was a criminal case a second offense would count strongly in the outcome.